



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Joseph Billig
921 East 12th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11230-3607

RE: MURs 4935 and 5057

Dear Mr. Billig:

On November 27, 2001, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") found that there is probable cause to believe that you violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") and 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(b)(1) by making an excessive contribution to Dear for Congress, Inc.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission within ten days. Please make the check for the civil penalty payable to the Federal Election Commission. Upon receipt, I will recommend that the Commission accept the agreement. If after 30 days we are unable to reach conciliate this matter, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

If you have any questions or suggestions for changes to the enclosed conciliation agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact Danita C. Lee, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lawrence H. Norton".

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

Enclosure